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**I. PREAMBLE**

This is in reply to the Final Action, mailed 07/16/04, with a shortened statutory period currently set to expire 10/16/04. This packet includes a reply brief outlining the full Applicant responses to the comprehensive action paper, an amended set of remaining claims meeting all of the Examiner objections as to form and obviating the rejection of a new combination of art; and a clean copy specification of 11 pages with Abstract. Also sent is a letter of transmittal for formal drawing, wherein draft changes were earlier submitted and stand Examiner approved, which completes this timely submission.

**II. IN THE SPECIFICATION**

The clean copy of the specification, filed November 2003 is now ruled as to be submitted again in clean copy (as modified for now). This clean specification reflects: (a) correction of the punctuation areas as noted on pages 6 and 16; (b) addition to Specification page 9, being a sentence directed to the dependent features of the molecular chain elastofluoromers as supported by original claim 3; and, (3) an Abstract devoid of